

RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

Tom Wheeler  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

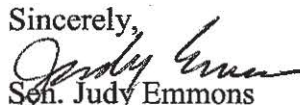
As a mid-Michigan native, fifth generation farmer, mother of three, and grandmother of five, I am proud to represent the people of Michigan's 33<sup>rd</sup> Senate District. This district includes five counties: Clare, Gratiot, Isabella, Mecosta, and Montcalm. On behalf of the more than 250,000 constituents of district 33, I write to you in support of the proposed merger between Bright House Networks, Time Warner Cable and Charter Communications – New Charter.

It is important that people in rural areas of our country are offered the same services as those in more populated areas. With more investment, New Charter will build out one million line extensions of their networks into residential areas, with new facilities that will help provide high-speed service to rural and other underserved areas.

This investment will include significant improvements for both in-home and out-of-home WiFi. Under the merger, they will increase competition in the mobile data market by deploying over 300,000 out-of-home WiFi access points. Additional investment will include at least \$2.5 billion in the build-out of networks into commercial areas beyond where they currently operate, creating additional, much-needed competition in the commercial sector.

Jobs are important to the constituents of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Senate District – particularly American jobs. Under the merger, New Charter will begin to bring Time Warner Cable call center jobs back to the United States. These will be good jobs for Americans, with positions in field technician operations and customer service call centers at locations across the United States.

I encourage the FCC to approve this merger.

Sincerely,  
  
Sen. Judy Emmons  
Michigan State Senate